

**Arkansas Communication and Theatre Arts Association
Impromptu Speaking**

Performer _____ School Number _____

Topic _____

Judge _____ Time of Performance _____

Type of Round:	Prelim			Semis			Finals		
Ranking in Round: <i>(No Ties in Ranking)</i>	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Rating of Performance:	Superior		Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor

Rules: (If a rule is broken, judge should lower the speaker one ranking.)

*Based on a selection of one of three written statements, phrases or objects, the speaker will prepare a speech that lasts for at least two minutes.

*Speaker is given a **TOTAL** of 7 minutes with a 30 second grace period to PREPARE and DELIVER his/her speech.

*Prep time begins once a student tells judge what topic they choose.

***Minute by minute time signals must be given to contestant.**

*Judge calls contestant to choose a number associated with a group of 3 topics. Contestant chooses topic. That group of topics is now eliminated from being chosen by other contestants. Time begins. Contestant has 7 minutes (30 second grace) to prepare and deliver speech. When contestant is ready to speak, he/she goes to front of room and begins speech. **TIME NEVER STOPS UNTIL CONTESTANT FINISHES SPEAKING.**

Criteria	Not Evident	Needs Improvement	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Speech is organized with introduction, body and conclusion evident.					
Introduction contains an attention device and thesis statement.					
Body has at least three main points.					
Conclusion contains a repeat of main points and an ending statement.					
Speaker shows credibility and understanding of speech topic.					
Speaker uses logic and reasoning when presenting main points.					
Speaker uses supporting examples within speech.					
Transitions are used and flow smoothly.					
Speaker uses appropriate emotions for topic and speech.					
Speaker uses fluid speech with good projection, articulation and clear diction. Speaker uses appropriate word choice.					
Speaker uses appropriate body language and movement.					
Speaker uses appropriate gestures.					
Speaker uses appropriate eye contact with audience.					
No nervous habits are evident during speech presentation.					

Comments:

Judge's Signature